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RECOMPENSE

s sang green fields and country lanes in Spring—
Of gardens' scents and fragrance passing sweet—
o only knew the drab environment
And cobbles of a sordid city street.

home and happiness his fancy dwelt—
The love of kin, the hand-grasp of a friend—
o in an attic lived, with but his dog
To bark in welcome at the drear day's end.

d yet—such lonely hearts who warm themselves
By the faint fire of their imaginings
ve this one recompense—they never know
How often love and happiness take wings.

—The New York Times.

FACING THE FUTURE

ederick L. Fagley, Secretary of the Congregational Commission on Evangelism

Never has the church had a greater opportunity of listing disciples for Jesus Christ, nor has there ever en a greater need for the truth as it is in Christ sus our Lord.

In enlisting disciples for Christ we should have early in mind what we are trying to do.

First of all, we should consider the spiritual interests involved—that unless there be a true confesn, our labor is in vain. Unless we touch the springs eternal life and bring the soul into conscious comnion with God, fellowship in worship will mean tle or nothing.

On the other hand, unless we also touch the springs true, unselfish living and create a widening intert in human welfare and a desire to serve, fellowip in the service of the church will mean little or thing.

To bring about through mechanical methods an inease in the membership of the churches not only the end weakens the church, but does incalculae harm to the individual to whom religion is cheaped and the church made a thing not of divine life t of human organization.

This does not mean that the church should not be gressive, for today as never before it should be enusiastically aggressive, and should seek in all ways bring into vital touch with the Christian dynamic those for whom it is spiritually responsible.

The church is a living organism, not organization, d as a living thing it must renew its life or it will e. The church renews its life not only through the owing spirituality of its members but also in reaching out in loving persuasion and winning others to its worship and service.

The next few months mark the time when the current of spiritual life is running strong. We are seeing evidences all about us, not only of the need of religion in the common life, but of the recognition of that fact by multitudes who are outside of the church. Many denominations are reporting large gains, and many pastors report that they have never found people so interested in religious thinking as at present.

The Cougregational pastor has many things in his favor when he seeks to enlist others in his church; and there is not a singie thing in our history, our teaching, our polity which requires an apology or needs to be camouflaged. There is no church that has a finer history, a richer inheritance, or a warmer fellowship than the Congregational. We may invite people of good will into our churches with no apologies; our freedom, our culture and our deep spirituality are offered a needy world by as fine a body of ministers as has any communion.

Let us set ourselves to a season of glorious service. Not every church can make a large numerical growth; but for most of our churches a definite goal of a ten percent increase in membership may be adopted with every expectation of reaching it. This should form only part of the goal however, for the main ideal which should actuate us in our work these coming months is that we may be refreshed, both pastor and people by drawing close to God and by receiving in our lives the blessing of the Holy Spirit.

TRIBUTE TO THE MINISTRY

Clergymen are public servants who work for salaries away below their merits and abilities. They do not serve for money, they serve for morality, for justice, for civilization and everlasting truth. They are the torch-bearers of the light of the world, and they deserve more consideration than men who plod the highways that lead simply to earthly gain, more consideration than men who simply serve individual ends, and this they deserve, not as a matter of charity, but as a badge of distinction for the service they render to the welfare of society and the progress of mankind.—The Times-Union, Albany, N. Y.

A college education is essentially a cultivation of taste, that one may discriminate between the better and the worse, between what is vulgar and what is admirable, applying standards gained from accquaintanceship with the best.—Chancellor Brown of New York University.

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SONG

(By Wallace W. Lovejoy.)

"If winter comes, can spring be far behind." (Shelley)

With the Spring, the birds come, singing
Spring's return;
Through the air their glad way winging;
Would sorrow spurn;
Threads of color interlacing
Depths of green;
Patterns of the sunlight tracing
On leafy screen.
Heralds of a new day dawning—
O'er the earth,
Darkness first and then the morning
Love's rebirth!
God's swift shuttle ever weaving
Life again;
On the loom of Time retrieving
Loss and pain.

ANTI-BLUE LAW CAMPAIGN

Many newspapers of the country have jointly or disjointly entered into a campaign to resist all legislation that looks to the betterment of moral conditions in the United States. As usual in such cases, they have picked a slogan that will appeal to the unthinking mass of the people. Nobody likes a "Blue Law." But then there are no "Blue Laws"; and there never have been. That is a fiction; but most people do not know that. "Blue Law" is a good phrase to conjure by.

All the same, we are not to allow these vicious newspapers to make any impression upon our own thinking. We must stand for the right, in spite of the telling slogan. Sunday ought to be taken out of the hands of the profiteers, and be made a day of rest for the laboring man. The barbers of the state have for a long time been asking that their shops be closed on Sunday; they need some law to give them relief; for one shop cannot safely close in a community unless all close. There are many other lines of work that would welcome the same relief.

Apart from the Sunday legislation, there are some other matters which the law ought to correct. The Eighteenth Amendment is in the Constitution: California ought to free itself from the shame of not standing by the Constitution. A new Harris bill is up before the legislature. It ought to become the law of the commonwealth, and it will if the majority of the people of California have their say and their way.

Honest folk, do not allow the newspaper propaganda against the imaginary "blue laws" to affect your judgment. Stand firm for the right.

MOVIES RIDICULE PROTESTANTISM

Patrons of the movies have often been offended by the ridicule heaped upon the church by the caricatures of ministers that have been put on the screen. There is a deliberate attempt to bring religion into disrepute. Film makers dare not so treat Catholic priests or Jewish Rabbis, for they know it would bring a sudden and effective boycott. Protestants ought in the same way to defend their church institutions.

Even when the movie tries to be decent its representation of the minister is not all that can be desired. But then, not many film makers have the stuff at hand for a fitting representation. A Scotch physician, graduate of Edinburgh, once remarked, "I can always tell a minister; they are such clean-souled and high-minded looking men." It would pay the movies to secure the services of one such, when they want to do the honest thing by the church.

Here is an easy and effective thing to do; when you have seen one of these ridiculing pictures, as you go out, make a quiet protest at the ticket sellers window. Simply say that you did not like such and such a feature of the film. If it should happen that two such protests were made in a day, that would settle the matter. We know, for we have tried it. It usually works.

A SCRAMBLE FOR THE SCRIPTURES

Dr. James L. Gordon told his large congregation one Sunday morning that he would distribute as they would go, copies of a book written by a Jew which was the best thing he knew of upon Christian Science and New Thought and Religion. The books were in sealed envelopes and he charged them not to open them until reaching home.

At the close of the service everybody was eager to get his. Mildly speaking it was a scramble. The envelopes contained a vest pocket edition of the Gospel of John, not a bad gift after all. We hope they are being read; there is nothing better.

AN ESTIMATE OF CARLYLE

Theodore Roosevelt in a letter to Sir George Trevelyan said: "I have been reading Carlyle and the more I read him the more hearty grows my contempt for his profound untruthfulness and for his deification of shams. If only Carlyle were alive, how I would like to review his 'Frederick the Great' with the same freedom of epithet which he practiced! And with all the sincerity, and truthfulness to which he paid such lip worship and in the practice of which he so wholly failed. What I can't stand is his hypocrisy, his everlasting praise of veracity, accompanying the constant practice of every species of mendacity in order to give a false color to history and a false twist to ethics."

THE GOOD IN CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Some folks think there is nothing but good in it; d some folks think there is nothing good at all. ot so the author of "What Christian Science means." mes M. Campbell is well known for his religious oks which have been appearing from time to time tely. Readers of his "Place of Prayer in the Christ- n Religion" will be glad to have this last volume.

This is not an attack upon the religion of the dis- ples of Mrs. Eddy; neither is it a defense. It is hat it candidly confesses to be,—an investigation of e cult to see what there is that is good, and what ristians everywhere may learn from it. He picks t, chapter after chapter, certain teachings that em clear to him and which he regards of value, hat he very often shows how much better the hristianity of Jesus furnishes the same without the arked defects of the former does not detract from e candor or usefulness of his volume. Shelton issell aptly calls this book "a clinic"; for the author killfully though kindly dissects the body called Christian Science" and shows to the reader all that ere is in it, good and bad, healthy and unhealthy, nd the operation is performed with such courtesy as urely to win the love of the patient.

A fair illustration of his gentle, yet discriminating ethod, is the following: "Christian Science is the odern equivalent for monasticism . . . in an im- roved and pleasanter form. It provides an asylum om life's carking cares and endless worries . . . et it demands no outward separation from the orld . . . making out of the world of illusion as omfortable a place as possible to live in. The writer as a friend who went into Christian Science because gave her relief from frayed nerves . . . She has ound rest of a sort; rest from toil rather than rest n toil, and has drifted into a spiritual Nervana . . est may be obtained at too great a price. It is so btained when it means mental stagnation or the ces- ation of helpful activities. When Jesus said, I will ive you rest; what he meant was rest of the spirit hile bearing life's burdens and performing life's uties. Exemption from trouble he never promised, ut he did promise exemption from worry and dis- uietude."

("What Christian Science Means, and What We an Learn From It," by James M. Campbell. 182 ages. Abingdon Press, N. Y.)

MINISTERS' SONS AND DEACONS' DAUGHTERS

Some benighted folk do not yet know what a fine ody of citizens these children of the parsonage are. hink how poor indeed the world would be without ddison, and Jane Austin, and the Bronte sisters, nd Coleridge, and Goldsmith, and Charles Kingsley, nd Tennyson, and John Wesley, and Christopher Vren, and—well, a thousand other names if we had ime to ferret them out and write them down.

Havelock Ellis has been investigating. He took 1030 f the most notable names in history, and finds that he "proportion of distinguished men and women con- ributed by the minister's family can only be des- ribed as enormous. They considerably outnumber those of lawyers, doctors, and army officers put together."

Anybody with an average experience and an observing mind knows that out of the manse has come the saving force of modern civilization. The minister's child is well-born; he shows it in after years by his forward-looking life.

BEWARE OF IMPOSTERS

The Near-East Relief sends this warning: "These 'deacons,' etc., from Turkey, soliciting aid for their people, are ALL imposters. Their 'parchments' from 'bishops' are all faked, having been made up a gang operating out of Chicago. These 'parchments' are printed on American-made paper, pasted on American-made cloth and printed from American type.

"We now have one of these 'deacons' in the Clayton jail. Others have been caught in other parts of the county. They belong to an organized gang of imposters. Should one appear in your community, examine his papers and have him arrested on suspicion and wire for me. I will be in on the next train to appear against him.

"They shall not make capital out of the distress of the Armenian and Syrian Christians. The Near East will not permit it."

At the Geneva meeting for church union, the Bishop of Bombay said; "We strongly believe that you will have no union (of the churches) unless you have a ministry which has the recognition of all Christians." This has been a dominant note in all the conferences held on this vital matter of church union; but we believe it to be not a true note. The unity of the church according to the Protestant conception, is not in its ministry, but in its fellowship. An experience of God and a fellowship with Jesus Christ is the sole basis of unity. This is spiritual; the other is ecclesiastical.

Diogenes who lived in a tub once saw written over the portals of an elaborate mansion the words, "Let nothing evil enter here." The philosopher wrote beneath them, "By which door does the owner enter?"

JAPANESE CHURCH IN OAKLAND

Work for Japanese in Oakland, California, was begun sixteen years ago, and two years later a Congregational Church was organized there, with Rev. S. Okubo as pastor. In two years the church became self-supporting. Their increasing numbers called for more room, and under the leadership of a new pastor, Rev. K. Nukaga, the church assumed the task of securing a new place of worship. The Japanese themselves gave $3,000 and the Congregational Church Erection Board supplied a grant for the remainder needed. The dedication of the new building was held with five Japanese and five American ministers participating. Four of the charter members have returned to Japan as influential Christian preachers, others are at work in different localities along the coast. Seventy-two active members remain at the parent church.

WAYSIDE NOTES

Rev. Howard N. Smith who was formerly State Secretary of Oregon for the Congregational Sunday School Society is located at present, with his family, on a large ranch near Potomac, Montana. They are enjoying the life immensely and doing good as they go along. Through their instrumentality a Community Club has been organized of all the scattered families in the valley, and it is functioning very happily. The Club is soon to construct a suitable Club House, for their gatherings. It will be made of logs at no cost except the labor which the members will put into it. The Club had a merry Christmas reunion and celebration, with oyster supper and a general good time.

News has reached this office of the death of the wife of Rev. Edward S. Bollinger, pastor at Valdez, Alaska. The Pacific extends its sympathy to the brother and his remaining family.

Rev. Herbert G. Crocker has resigned his pastorate at Oregon City, Oregon, and will go to his farm.

Rev. Harvey Miller of the Sacramento church is recovering nicely from a recent illness.

Supt. Rathbone at the suggestion of the Conference Board of Trustees attended the annual meeting of Secretaries, Superintendents and other Officials of the National Council at Aurora, Ill., in January.

Our genial pastor at Oroville, Rev. W. J. Johnston met with an accident that might have proven fatal. Happily he came out of it with no broken bones, but some bruises. He is again on his feet after a rest of a couple of weeks.

Supt. Douge is the representative of the Northern Congregational Conference in the California Christian Endeavor Society. He requested at the last meeting of the Conference Trustees that an advisory committee of three be appointed to co-operate with him. Raymond C. Brooks, Peter A. Simpkin, and E. C. Oakley were named as such a committee.

Rev. Emmanuel Hoskins was 82 years, 5 months and 15 days old when he passed on to the other life in December, and until quite recently he had been in active pastorate. This is a remarkable record. It may well be said of him "Done with striving and foreclosed of care; At rest, at rest,—What better thing to say."

The new publication committee appointed by the Conference Trustees at their last meeting is,—F. J. Van Horn, R. B. Dodge, Peter Simpkin, C. G. Marshall, and E. A. King. They are instructed to arrange for the presentation of the Pacific for subscriptions to our churches with the expectation of bringing our mailing-list up to 2,000 names.

At the request of the Southern Conference five delegates from the Northern Conference are to attend the southern meeting next May at Bakersfield. The selection of delegates was left to the judgment of Supt. Rathbone by the Conference trustees.

The Reverend "Father McMahon" a Roman Catholic priest has a poor opinion of the Pilgrim Fathers and also of the Roman Catholic Church a little before them. He says that the Pilgrim Fathers established a regime more cruel than the Spanish Inquisition. We are glad to have the Reverend "Father's" reaction on the Inquisition. Not all Catholic priests are as frank,—or careless perhaps.

The New York Christian Advocate (Methodist) says that the Centenary pledges were actually less than reported and the receipts are less than the amounts pledged. "The actual receipts last year fell nearly $6,000,000 short of what was suscribed. In fact the average Methodist Centenary pledge turns out to be worth only seventy-two cents on the dollar."

The Upper Bay Association has made a most worthy request. They ask that the minimum salary to be paid any of our pastors shall be $1200 and parsonage. The Board of Trustees of the Northern Conference was asked to adopt this standard. The request was granted by a unanimous vote of the Board.

Rev. Peter Simpkin, in a fine address at the San Francisco Retreat, recommended pastors to read;—Passion for Souls, by Jowett; Twice-Born Men, by Begbie; Personal Work, by John R. Mott; and The Valley of Decision, by Hough.

ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES REPORTED FOR 1920

Adin	22	Lodi—First	16
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Cloverdale	18	Paradise	33
Crockett	5	Petaluma	13
Etna Mills	3	Pittsburg	
Eureka	32	Porterville	6
Ferndale	3	Redwood City	33
Fowler	11	Salida	13
Fresno—		San Francisco—	
First	51	Bethlehem	
Cross	80	Sunset	
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Zion	21	Sanger	1
Third German	41	San Lorenzo	33
Kenwood	4	Stockton	4
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BOOKS RECEIVED

"What Christian Science Means and What We Can Learn From It." James M. Campbell. 182 pages. The Abingdon Press, N. Y.

"Public Opinion and Theology." By Bishop Francis John McConnell. The Earl Lectures of the Pacific School of Religion. 259 pages. The Abingdon Press, N. Y.

In Turkey 150,000 orphans are receiving Christian instruction from the American Board missionaries while the Moslems in increasing number are entering our Mission schools.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

astopol

annual meeting was held on Jan. 5 with 100 nbers and friends sitting down together at sup- at 6 o'clock. The business meeting was a happy ; more than $4,000 has passed through the asury this past year; over $1,000 of it was used missionary and benevolent purposes; $1,000 was l on the new organ. All financial obligations of church have been met. 80 new members were re- ved. A moving picture outfit has been purchased installed. There is a delightful relationship be- en pastor and people. B. Dent Naylor is pastor.

sno, Pilgrim.

tor M. J. Papazian is rejoicing with his church ple over the purchase of the property of the First sbyterian church. It is a fine building, with audi- um seating 600. This seating capacity can be in- ased to 750 by use of the adjoining Sunday school m. With the church there goes a good parsonage, l a $12,000 pipe organ. The location is central and y satisfactory. The price is $100,000, and the rch has paid down of this $50,000. Occupancy is be secured next fall. The pastor and people are be congratulated on this fine move toward the nt.

sno, First

omas T. Giffen, pastor. This church comes out h an attractive bulletin, giving Sunday appoint- nts for the whole month. During the morning rs Mr. Giffen preached upon, "A New Creed for New Day". In the evening his addresses were de- ed to some phase of the Literature of the Old stament. The musical program as outlined by the letin was attractive, and gave the impression that choir is fore-handed. A beautiful etching of the r and tower of the church adorned the front page.

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n Shoemaker, pastor. The annual meeting of the rch revealed the fact that the year 1920 closed h all bills paid and a balance in all treasuries. The l of new members that had been accepted by the rch at the beginning of the year was 10; the act- attainment was 22. They went over the top twice.

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sie G. Heath, pastor. This church has a double se for pride; it has no absentee members; and all 41 members are at work in some way or other. e church has a seating capacity of 120, and as a e all seats are occupied. The Ladies Aid Society turned itself into a Womans Club; it has a mem- ship of 60, and does all the work in the community t a Womans Club would do. The church is rapidly oming a real community church.

Francisco, First

J. L. Gordon's heart was gladdened by the ht of a double row of people at the front of his pit on January 2, waiting for admission into the mbership of the church. The list of names on the letin looked like a city directory. There were 41 ning by letter and 28 upon confession of their h. A most beautiful sight and most encouraging A downtown church has a handicap; the reception of so large a number of people into it is evidence of an unusual success.

Eagle Rock

The Annual meeting held around the dinner tables with a large attendance showed decided progress during the past year, with finances in better condition than for years past. The morning audience has grown almost to the capacity of the auditorium. In December twenty new members were received into fellowship, among them some of the leading men of the city. A Business Men's Club of more than one hundred members holds monthly meetings. Motion pictures for Sunday evenings give satisfactory results, increasing the attendance more than three hundred per cent, reaching people who never attended any church. This in turn helps the morning service and Sunday school. At the annual meeting the pastor asked for money to purchase a motion picture machine, and within a few minutes it was all raised in cash. The pastor's Bible class crowds one of the class rooms to its capacity. Eagle Rock is growing rapidly and many new people are seeking a church home with us. The pastor, E. Morgan Isaac, is greatly encouraged.

Redwood City

An impressive Watch-night service was held by the church with good attendance. The first part of the evening was given over to orchestral music, singing and games; then the pastor, C. H. Stevens, took charge of the religious services. Thirteen new members were voted into the church. On the evening of New Years Sunday under the auspices of a boy's class from the Sunday school, Chaplain O. C. Laizure of San Quentin spoke to an audience that filled the building. The sale of fancy work by the ladies netted $500; the church has given during December over $600 for starving Europe.

Martinez

The evening services show marked increase in interest and attendance. One service a month is used for question-box, and one for moving pictures, Y. M. C. A. Secretary Lockwood furnishing his machine. On Sunday evening, January 23rd, Judge Richards of San Francisco gave his lecture on "The Trial of Jesus," and on the 30th, Judge Waste of Oakland, an illustrated lecture on "The early history of the Californian missions." Rev. N. F. Sanderson and family have a warm place in the affections of the church and community. The Every-Member Canvass yielded $1857 for the church and $504 for missions.

Stockton

Special music featured the opening of the Annual Meeting held on Wednesday evening, January 12th; the Men's Club served coffee and doughnuts at the close. The Cierk's report showed 48 additions for the year, 30 of them being upon confession. Membership now is 283, with 16 absentees. Upon the local work $5736 have been spent by the church; and $1900 given to missionary and benevolent enterprises, about three-quarters of which went to the Congregational Boards. All departments showed all bills paid and $1184 in the treasuries. The salary of the pastor

was increased $600, the third increase in this pastorate. It now is $3000. Report of the Sunday school under the leadership of Rev. Frederick Conliffe was inspiring. There has been a large increase in enrollment and a notable deepening of interest with increasing thoroughness of work. A special committee of the men of the church reported having visited the school and finding it running to capacity with conditions permitting no further increase. A special committee of seven was appointed to make a survey of the entire problem of plant expansion with the view that additional quarters shall be provided by next September.

Rocklin

The Sunday school has been revived and is now being conducted by Mr. Walter Swetzer of the Loomis church. A Boy Scout Troop has been organized.

Auburn

The Near-East drive in which Dr. Ward of this church took prominent part resulted in a gift from the church of over $300. Rev. Grant L. Shaeffer is pastor.

Loomis

The annual meeting on January 5th showed a net gain of four in membership, and a balance in the treasury. The Ladies Aid Society cleared $250 in a recent bazaar. The new building will probably be ready for use this month. William H. Youngman is pastor.

Grass Valley

Rev. Frank E. Dell is happy to be back again with the people of this church. He has served during two previous pastorates here: one of four years and one of two years. While in the Highland church he acted as chaplain of the State Insane Hospital during the eight years of his pastorate. His Southern church was so reluctant to have him go that they twice refused to accept his resignation, and at the parting gave him and his wife a "loving-purse" of $300.

Porterville

The pastor, Rev. Charles R. Shatto, has organized a very efficient open forum for his Sunday evenings, which is bringing out great audiences. Once a month some local man or woman gives a short talk upon community matters; another Sunday a musical service will be prepared; another Sunday will be devoted exclusively to religious topics, and another the pastor preaches a sermon. The motto for the Sunday evening meeting is "Something different from the morning service and everybody at work."

Santa Barbara

James Hoffman Batten, pastor. In conjunction with a largely attended and encouraging annual meeting, the church voted the following recommendations of the pastor: That in consideration of his long service in this pastorate, and his continued interest and membership in our church, the Rev. William Cross Merrill be elected Pastor-Emeritus without salary. That the week preceding Easter Sunday be set apart for special afternoon and evening services conducted by the Minister for the awakening of the unconverted and the deepening of spiritual life in our membership. That in view of the fact that the encroachment of business and the necessity of modern equipmer for our Church School will render a new buildin and location necessary in the near future, the Tru tees are authorized to investigate eligible sites an secure figures as to the amount that may be realize for this property, and report to the next Annu Meeting.

Mill Valley

The annual report showed that the church had ha a prosperous year. It had raised all told, $1890, an had added 16 to its membership. During the pa eight years (this pastorate) the church has near doubled its membership.

Sonoma

The steady growth of the church in strength and standing in the community has given courage to th members. So pleased are they with the work of the pastor, Rev. Isaac Cookman, that they have raise his salary from $1200 to $1500. The outlook of th church was never brighter than it is now. Recent the ladies gave both pastor and wife a shower household linens and a Crex rug. The church is happy family in the denominational household faith.

Alturas

John P. Orth, pastor. This church seems to be e ceeding the limit in all directions; the annual me ing showed that during the year 1920 the Sund school had the largest attendance in its history, t Christian Endeavor also, and likewise the chur services. The church voted to add $200 to the pasto salary.

Soquel

When Mr. and Mrs. Bissel returned to the parsona after the annual meeting they discovered that t place had been visited by the Soquel Brownies w had left every nook and cranny occupied by goodi —a veritable "shower" of good things that will ke the parsonage a happy place for some time to co The annual meeting on January 11 was preceed by a delightful supper. All departments reported encouraging and successful year, with all bills p and a balance on hand of $85, a thing which has happened here in a long time. At the close of meeting a gentleman told the pastor, Rev. Frank Bissel, that he had a Ford automobile in the gara being overhauled and put into good condition wh would be at his disposal if he would learn to dr one. Will he learn?

Sen Bernardino, First

Rev. H. B. Mowbray, pastor. One of the goals of Tercentenary program has been to make recruits the Pilgrim faith. This church has surely done stint. On Forefather's Sunday 61 new members w received, and the total for the year is 121. A record.

Cloverdale

The annual meeting for Cloverdale showed the B evolence schedule fully met; a subscription to Pilgrim Memorial Fund of $387; all local bills p including an increase of $200 in the Pastor's sala

a cash balance of $250. Eighteen members have n added during the year, fifteen by confession. An eavor Society of 32 members is developing into enuine and dependable working force and the ies Aid Society is efficient along the lines in ch it is most needed.

Francisco, Mission

. Peter A. Simpkin, for twenty years the success- pastor of the Phillips church Salt Lake City, h, has entered upon the work of this church and ady the life of the church is responding to his ear- t spirit. The congregations are growing encourag- y. The annual meeting was held on January 12 h 125 members present. The church has made prog- s in spite of its sad loss through the death of the ner pastor, Fred Holloway. During the year 13 new nbers had been received; and $2,812 raised for rent expenses, $400 more than the previous year. e missionary offering was $348. The Sunday school an enrollment of 179. A pleasant feature of the eting was the presence of two former pastors of church, Dr. W. C. Pond and W. H. Day. The rch voted to accept $500 as its share of the Congre- ional World Movement for 1921.

THE NEGRO PRESS

here are four hundred Negro newspapers and iodicals in the land. This influence, largely for d, is being multiplied. Few of these publications radical in appeal, none are really "red." The fol- ing illustrates the editorial point of view: "We e never carried the red flag. We have never own a bomb nor wrecked a railroad. We have er betrayed the secrets of our government to the my. We have never joined in any bolshevik move- nt, and, what is more to the point, we never will. en we shoulder a gun it will never be against our ernment. Are we then asking too much of the ers that be to throw the full protection of the law ut us, and give us a man's chance?"

JAPAN AND THE FAR EAST

he notable progress that Japan has made toward mastery of the Far East is written plainly upon map, which strikingly portrays the broadening itorial base of Japanese power effected in the t twenty-five years.

apan now owns the whole island chain masking eastern sea frontage of Asia, from the tip of nchatka to the Philippines, while her acquisition Germany's Oceanic islands north of the equator s her strategic outposts in mid-Pacific.

er bridge-heads on the Asiatic continent are also ng and well located. From the Korean peninsula w an integral part of Japan) she firmly grasps vast Chinese dependency of Manchuria, while south of Manchuria across the narrow waters Pechili Strait lies the rich Chinese province of ntung, become a Japanese sphere of influence as sult of the late war.

hus Japan holds China's capital, Peking, as in the s of a vice and can apply military pressure when- she so desires.

In Southern China lies another Japanese sphere of influence, the province of Fukien opposite the Japanese island of Formosa. Lastly, all over China runs a veritable network of Japanese concessions like the recently acquired control of the great iron deposits near Hankow, far up the Yangtse River in the heart of China.—from "The Rising Tide of Color" by Stoddard.

I have studied closely many of the world's largest corporations. I find this truth common to them all: The heads of these houses are more anxious to do good than to make money; you can stir their active interest in a plan to benefit their patrons or employees, or the general public, when you could not even get a hearing on a plan to fill the pockets of the owners with money; the real game of life to them is to pile up greater and better work for the joy of doing it.—Edward Earl Purinton.

Editor Watters of the Sonoma Expositor Forum has high praise for the December number of the Pacific. He says,—"The Pacific has blossomed into a real live church paper containing much that is of interest to the people of the denomination on this coast; short, snappy, well written sketches of people and happenings in the religious world make it a welcome visitor." We take off our hat to our Sonoma brother.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The allocation of a single field to some one denomination as a responsibility is working very satisfactorily in Vermont as a method of church co-operation. In the past four years 34 such communities have been thus organized, with 74 churches included in the readjustments. In none of these fields, so far as they have been reported, has there been any question of success.

The Home Mission Council reports that while the press notices concerning the Ku Klux Klan have been much exaggerated, the organized methods of violence in many centers in the south is a matter of great regret by the best elements in that part of our land. A rising tide of inter-racial good-will and the impossibility of frightening the Negro as in his less civilized state some fifty years ago are factors that will tend to do away with the secret and vicious methods of this un-American organization.

Children of the Junior Red Cross in a Western city have developed a new industry. They are busily engaged in making scrapbook novels. The method is quite simple. They cut out serial stories from current magazines and paste them in scrapbooks, thus making complete novels for the convenience of the ex-service men in the army and navy hospitals.

Fundamentally the Church of Christ is one, not in doctrines or practices, but in experience of the Christian life.—A Quakeress at the Geneva Conference.

The Pilgrim Spirit expressed itself in the most valuable of our American civic institutions; but that was not its chief contribution to American life. Religion was the great gift; and a conscience; and a devotion to the Ideal.

TO ALL GOOD FRIENDS

The lot of an editor is a happy one. This particular editor wishes to say an earnest "thank you" to those kind-hearted individuals who have written so many nice letters full of nice things about the different issues of the Pacific since it has come under his care. Shall we sample a letter taken at random? "The Pacific is so full of good things, and beautifully written: I thank you."

Brethern and sisters, these happy letters are all on file in the sanctum, in coming years to be read and reread for the cheer of the declining days of ye scribbler.

THE SECOND GOAL

Our Tercentenary Program had five distinct goals, the second one was that in five years we should add to our membership not less than one-half million new members. We have failed. The Great War and the influenza are perhaps largely responsible for that failure. We have added as follows during the past four years; 1916, 68,259; 1917, 65,734; 1918, 51,372; and 1919, 59,922; making a total of 245,287, instead of 400,000 if we had kept up to the average. The year 1920 promises to be better than the last two or three. The prospects are not good for our making good in our endeavor.

NO PARSONAGE

More than half of our churches have no parsonages.

A homeless minister is heavily handicapped; a manseless church is minus a fine asset.

Some of our ministers have been compelled to move three and four times in a year, because the church had no house for them. Some of them live in a rude shack, not fit for first class poultry. Some live in sod-houses, some in a room over a stable. Some have been known to live in a room over a saloon.

MID-WINTER MEETING

The Mount Hermon Federate School of Missions will hold its mid-winter meeting in Oakland at the First Baptist church on Feb. 25th. For several years this meeting has been omitted, but it is hoped to revive it with great success. Good programming is being done and Congregational women are asked to reserve this date. There will be morning and afternoon sessions and perhaps a young people's meeting in the evening. "The Message for Man", a drama arranged by Mrs. F. W. Withoff of Georgia, will be given by the ladies of the church, under the direction of Mrs. J. M. Davis. Eight denominations are federated in this movement.

"Lose this day loitering—'t will be the same story
Tomorrow—and the next more dilatory;
Then indecision brings its own delays,
And days are lost lamenting o'er lost days.
Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute—
What you can do, or dream you can, begin it.
Courage has genius, power, and magic in it.
Only engage, and then the mind grows heated—
Begin it and the work will be completed."

SUPERINTENDENTS CORNER

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A loyalty six weeks is to be observed throughou Lent this year by most of our churches. The Supe intendents have issued at the request of the Confe ence trustees pledge cards with coupons attached fo use during the campaign. These can be obtained upo application without cost. The Loyalty cards a issued in two colors to suit those who may wish plan for a friendly contest between two sides.

To the campaign there is added a new feature,— prayer circle, persons who will agree to pray dai during Lent for the church, the pastor, and certa friends. Pledge cards for this circle may also be o tained without cost at the office of the Superinten ents.

Many of our churches accepted goals for 1920 f increase of membership, and the reports that ha been rendered at the Evangelistic Retreats show that most of the churches had gone over the to This year all churches are urged to accept a go for 1921 of not less than 20 per cent increase of me bers of the church and a Goal of at least 10 per ce increase of attendance at Sunday school. Most of t pastors and some churches have already accept these goals. A goal is something to be reached. we aim at nothing, we will likely hit it.

Dr. Hubert Herring that worthy leader of our c nominational work, prepared before his death a fi statement upon Congregationalism,—what is its fai what its polity, and something of its history a acheivements. It is a brief readable statem accompanied with a blank form of application membership. It is just the thing to put into the han of all who seek membership in our churches and c be used very effectively in securing new membe in an evangelistic campaign. Pastors can secure th leaflet at the Headquarters offices, at 50 cents p hundred. Every church ought to have a package these on hand at all times.

At one of the Retreats last month a layman sai "The pastors do too much work; it would be well they would put other members at work." Perha the pastors find it easier to do the work.

At the January Retreats 61 pastors were prese out of a possible 73. Of the absent 12 at least thr had valid excuses; perhaps the others did.

The churches that accepted a goal of 2500 n members for 1920 have begun sending in their ports. About 55 per cent of them have already ported additions of 1080. At this rate the total w come pretty close to the goal sought.

In human history there exists no parallel to t assemblage (The League of Nations Assembly) white, black, yellow, and brown men of almost ev religion and tongue, all united by a common desir to reduce the world's wars and promote the walf of mankind.—Current History.

Marquis Okuma has remarked, "Although Christi ity has enrolled less than 200,000 believers, yet indirect influence of Christianity has poured i every realm of Japanese life."